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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant brings the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-316513, which was published on November 26, 1993, together with an English language translation of the same.

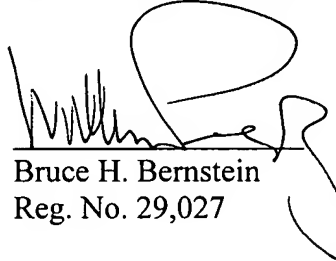
Applicant notes that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document, as well as an English language translation of the same, is attached hereto and is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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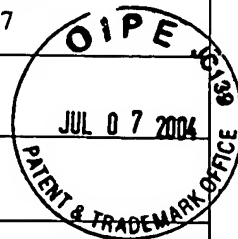
  
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